STATEMENT OF SCOPE

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.:	MPSW 1
Relating to:	Rule-making, application procedures, examination processes, and credential renewal procedures
Rule Type:	Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The object is to update the Board's processes and procedures by removing obsolete provisions and clarifying and streamlining provisions including the rule-making, application, examination, and renewal.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Currently there are procedures in the rule-making and examination procedures which are obsolete or outdated. The renewal procedures require clarification as to both renewal and reinstatement requirements. The proposed rule will update and clarifiy the board procedures relating to rule-making, application, examination and renewal.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

15.08(5)(b) Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

80 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Marriage and family therapists, professional counselors and social workers and applicants to those professions as well as the board and department.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

None. The rule is not likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

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Date Submitted